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SUBJECT: US-EC DIALOGUE

1. ON OCTOBER 2, WE DISCUSSED THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE JOINT EC-US DECLARATION IN SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS WITH OLIVER WRIGHT, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF ECONOMIC AND EC MATTERS AT THE FCO AND WHO REPRESENTS THE UK ON THE EC POLITICAL COMMITTEE, AND WITH WILLIAM MARSDEN, AN FCO OFFICIAL WHO ACCOMPANIED WRIGHT TO NEW YORK LAST WEEK.

2. WRIGHT SAID THAT THE UK IS PLEASED WITH THE PROGRESS THAT WAS MADE LAST WEEK. HE SAID THAT THE SECRETARY'S POSITIVE REMARKS ABOUT EC-US RELATIONS AT HIS PRESS CONFIDENTIAL

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CONFERENCE OF SEPTEMBER 26 WERE VERY HELPFUL IN

ESTABLISHING A CONSTRUCTIVE ATMOSPHERE FOR THE
SEPTEMBER 29 MEETING BETWEEN THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS AND
ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL. AS WRIGHT PUT IT, "THINGS
ARE NOW FALLING INTO PLACE."

3. MARSDEN SAID THAT THE US AMENDMENTS TO THE EC DRAFT
DECLARATION HAVE ALREADY BEEN FORWARDED TO THE EC
PERMREPS. AN AD HOC COMMITTEE OF PERMREP DELEGATION
OFFICIALS WILL PREPARE PRELIMINARY COMMENTS, WHICH WILL
BE FORWARDED TO THE EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS IN TIME FOR
THEIR MEETING IN COPENHAGEN OF OCTOBER 11-12. MARSDEN
EXPECTS THAT THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS' MEETING WILL BE
A DIFFICULT ONE SINCE THE AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE US
HAVE RAISED A NUMBER OF "RED FLAGS" FOR THE FRENCH
INCLUDING THE LINK BETWEEN ECONOMIC AND SECURITY ISSUES,
AND THE POSSIBLE INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE EC-US
DIALOGUE. MARSEN IS CONFIDENT, HOWEVER, THAT THE
POLITICAL DIRECTORS WILL BE ABLE TO AGREE ON A COMMON
LINE IN TIME FOR THEIR MEETING WITH STOESSEL ON
OCTOBER 18.

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